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Object thrown at Queen Beatrix's Golden Coach



THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- An object was thrown at Queen Beatrix's Golden Coach yesterday afternoon. The incident took place as the horse-drawn carriage left Noordeinde Palace in the center of The Hague.

According to a reporter the object hit the coach and the perpetrator was then swiftly arrested. The procession continued without further incident on its way to the Dutch parliament for the Queen's Speech yesterday, September 21, the traditional day for the State Opening of

parliament and presentation of the government's budget plans.

Apparently, the object was a small candle holder. There was no damage to the horse-drawn carriage.

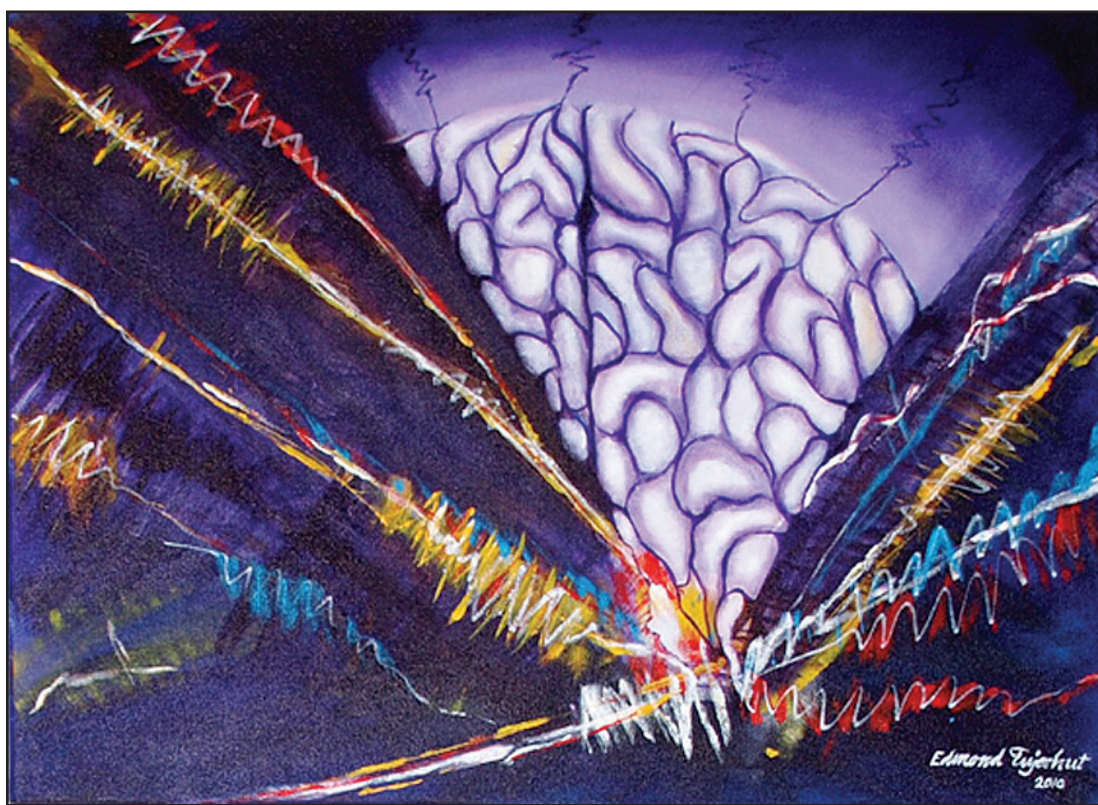
According to police, the perpetrator is a man with a psychiatric history. Bystanders reported that the 29-year-old thrower was first excessively cursing before he allegedly - threw the candle-holder at the Golden Coach. The man was immediately overpowered by the public and handed over to the police.

Chez Matilde closes its doors



This week the Aruban community received the sad news that the prestigious restaurant, Chez Mathilde closed its doors after 24 years of operation. For coverage see page 4

Art Auction for Alzheimer's tonight: "The Rainbow of Dementia"



Artwork of Edmond Tujeehut.

The Fundacion Alzheimer's Aruba (F.A.A.) is staging their 9th "Teal Ribbon Week," a series of events centered around September 21, World Alzheimer's Day, which is dedicated to education and awareness regarding the disease which has

such impact on individuals, families and communities.

This year's opening event was sponsored by The Bucuti Beach Resort and Tara Suites, hosts of a most singular art exposition, "The Rainbow of Dementia," for two days in their elegant Tara Suites breakfast lounge. It close this evening with an auction of the works produced by 15 island artists, the proceeds to benefit the F.A.A. and the research of Dr. Raul Mena of Mexico, which is the basis of most of the art.

Dr. Mena and his colleague, Dr. Jose Luna, were stunned and gratified by the remarkably innovative collection which was inspired by the results by their groundbreaking use of laser microphotography to capture the complex molecules that produce the platelets and plaques of Alzheimer's Disease. The fantastical colors and imagery of the work of CINVESTAV research facility resulted in stunningly vibrant and original works by island artists. Melva Croes-Yanez,

President of the F.A.A., had seen Dr. Mena's images while he conducted a lecture in Puerto Rico, and immediately recognized the potential of "Art meets Science" as a theme.

Those participating are Miriam D'Lisle, Stan Kuiperi, Ciro Abath, Marian Abath, Elisa Lejuez, Michiko Takatsu, Rosalie Klein, Elvis Tromp, Elvis Lopez, Mo Mohammad, Gerda van Leeuwen, Frank Croes, Laurent Gould, Joost Howard, Eduardo Valbuena and JanHein Stiphout of Holland. The mediums range from oils and acrylics on canvas to silk painting, mixed textile media and remarkable glass sculptures, paperweights and pendants inspired by the striking and vibrant patterns. A selection of the original images has been printed on canvas and matted, which will also be offered at auction. These are unique single prints, which will not be duplicated.

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Italian prosecutors probe Vatican bank for money laundering

ROME, Italy (AFP) - Italian prosecutors launched an investigation into the Vatican bank's top executives yesterday for allegedly violating anti-money laundering legislation, triggering a quick rebuttal by the Vatican.

Prosecutors ordered the seizure of 23 million euros (30 million dollars) belonging to the Istituto per le Opere di Religione (IOR) and opened an inquiry against chairman Ettore Gotti Tedeschi and another top executive.

The Vatican Secretariat of State, which heads up the administration, denied any wrongdoing by IOR, saying in a statement that it was "perplexed and astonished" at the investigation.

Both executives are accused of violating laws put in place in 2007 that have tightened rules on disclosure of financial operations to the Italian central bank in a bid to stamp out money laundering.

The Vatican said the re-

quired information was already in the hands of the Bank of Italy. "The Holy See's authorities' evident willingness to be fully transparent regarding IOR's financial operations is well known," it added.

According to earlier reports in the Italian press, investigators suspect that Italian tax residents are using transfers of money through the IOR, which has special Vatican offshore status, to hide fraud and tax evasion.

The Vatican bank was tainted by a series of fraud scandals in the 1980s.

The current probe was launched after the financial intelligence office at the Bank of Italy this month froze two IOR operations it deemed suspicious.

The first one was a transfer of 20 million euros to JPMorgan Frankfurt, while the other one was a three-million-euro

transfer to Italian bank Banca del Fucino, Italian media reported.

The Vatican said the operations were transfers of money between different IOR bank accounts.

Gotti Tedeschi said that he was "profoundly humiliated and mortified," telling Italian television channel Rai Due that he had "really completely accepted all of the Bank of Italy's instructions."

IOR, which manages bank accounts for Roman Catholic religious orders and associations, is not bound by the same regulation as Italian financial institutions.

"IOR authorities have long worked and met with the Bank of Italy and with the competent international organisations" to place the Holy See on a money laundering and terrorism white list, the Vatican said.

US worries for Mexico press freedom

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States yesterday voiced concern for the safety of Mexican journalists in the country's bloody drug war after a reporter said he was granted asylum by US authorities.

Jorge Luis Aguirre, who runs the Internet newssite LaPolaka.com, has lived in exile for the past two years in El Paso, Texas, which lies just across the border from the violence-torn Mexican city of Ciudad Juarez.

He said Monday that US authorities had granted him asylum -- a first for Mexican journalists in recent years -- in what he hailed as a "precedent that will help save lives among the growing number of defenseless journalists."

State Department spokesman Mark Toner declined to confirm the case, saying: "For the protection of the individuals, we can't confirm, deny or

otherwise comment publicly on applications for asylum."

But he said that the United States was alarmed by the "increasing violence" against the media in Mexico.

"We have expressed our concerns about the safety of journalists to the Mexican government, which has in fact stated its commitment to protecting journalists and the freedom of the press," Toner said.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists says that more than 30 Mexican journalists have been killed or gone missing since December 2006, when President Felipe Calderon launched a crackdown on drug gangs.

Some 28,000 people are believed to have died in drug gang-related attacks since 2006. Ciudad Juarez has been badly hit as cartels fight for control of the city, a gateway for drugs to reach the key US market.

Iran leader warns US of war with 'no limits'

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad warned yesterday that an attack on his country's nuclear facilities could spark a war with "no limits."

Ahmadinejad also raised new questions about the Holocaust as he raised more controversy on his visit to New York for the annual UN General Assembly meetings.

"The United States has never entered a real war, not in Vietnam, nor in Afghanistan, nor even World War II," the Iranian leader told American editors and reporters when asked about how Iran would react to any US supported strike by Israel on Iran's nu-

clear facilities.

"War is just not bombing someplace. When it starts it has no limits," the New York Times reported.

"Do you think anyone will attack Iran to begin with?" he said, according to Atlantic magazine's website. "I really don't think so. The Zionist regime is a very small entity on the map, even to the point that it doesn't really factor into our equation."

The UN Security Council has imposed four rounds of sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program. The United States and its allies have called for stringent application of the measures and Washington-Tehran relations have become increasingly fraught.

The western powers accuse Iran of trying to develop a nuclear bomb. Ahmadinejad denies the charge.

The Iranian leader said he was ready for nuclear talks with US President Barack Obama's administration, but said "the whole outlook has to shift," ABC News reported.

The UN sanctions had damaged the chances for an improvement in US-Iranian relations, he added.

Chile could rescue miners by mid-October

COPIAPO, Chile (AFP) - Workers in Chile expect to be able to rescue 33 trapped miners by mid-October, rather than early November as originally anticipated, a news report said yesterday.

The daily El Mercurio newspaper, citing unnamed government sources, reported that officials said state-of-the-art drilling equipment at the scene has made faster-than-expected progress in efforts to reach the men, who have been trapped underground since an August 5 mine collapse.

Shortly after the mine collapse, Chilean authorities warned that it was unlikely that they would be able to free the men before Christmas, but later said a rescue could take place as early as November.

Speaking this past Sunday, Mining Minister Laurence Golborne said he would not officially change the rescue timeline, but nevertheless suggested it could happen more quickly than originally anticipated.

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The Aruba Department of Culture promotes Aruban talents and artistic expressions



Recently, the Aruba Department of Culture handed Marlon Titre a gift as appreciation for his contribution to enhance Aruba's culture, locally as well as internationally. Marlon Titre is a guitarist and composer.

Marlon Titre was born on Aruba. He followed his professional studies at the Royal Conservatory in The Hague, The Netherlands, where he, upon graduating, received the maximum title. Mr. Titre resides in Germany, where he teaches music at the conservatory in Tilburg and gives international concerts.

On September 15, Mr. Titre gave a concert here with renowned violonist Frederieke Saeijs. The concert was an initiative of the Arubaanse Kunstkring organization, which sets up classical concerts. During their stay on Aruba, Mr. Titre and Ms. Saeijs composed music for the play 'Anansi.'

Also participating in the production of 'Anansi' were Dutch Chamber Music Company, directed by Arjan Tien, the youth choir 'Briyante,' under the guidance and with the participation of Aruban soprano Tica Giel, and Surinamese storyteller Paul Midellijn, local actors, and directed by Joan Danies. Organizations that supported the play are the 'Muchilla Creativo' and 'Mi Cutisa' Foundations. The Aruba Department of Culture also gave its support to the play.

The Aruba Department of Culture expresses its gratitude to all organizations involved in this project and wishes Marlon Titre all the best in his artistic career.

Photo shows, at left, Department of Culture Management Team member, drs. Angelo Tromp with Marlon Titre

The Aruba National Library offers 'Caribbean Studies' course for adults

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba National library is now offering the course "Caribbean Studies" for adults. The course is an introduction to all those wishing to learn more on the Caribbean social-cultural-historical context.

The course will last 6 weeks and comprises different topics, among others Dictatorship, Colonialism, Emancipation, Independence, Rivalry and Disunion and Migration. There will also be a discussion session for the students on any topic of their choice.

The course starts on October 12; the language will be in

Papiamentu, with written material in the Dutch and English language. The venue will be the Arubiana Department of the National Library situated at Bachstraat 5, Oranjestad on every Tuesday, from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

The course is an initiative of the Aruba National Library and will be given by drs. Gregory Richardson.

For more information about registration and fee, interested person can contact Mrs. Gina Jie Sam Foek at e-mail: g.jie-sam-foek@bibliotecanacional.aw



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ATA Associate Ricardo Croes put together an extensive yet short program to entertain the visitors. In two days they toured our touristic places, visited the Rancho Monte Blanco and enjoyed our beautiful beaches. They expressed to be very impressed of the Aruban quality of life.

A special 'thank you' goes to management of Westin Aruba Resort & Casino for their cooperation in making the journalists' stay a pleasurable one.

Photos show Mr. Croes with our Canadian visitors at Rancho Monte Blanco and at Mr. Croes' residence showing off his classic car, an MG 1971.



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Oranjestad, September 19, 2010

Dear Friends of Matilde,
Highly esteemed patrons of Chez Mathilde,

By way of this open letter we wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your many years of friendship and loyal patronage.

The final curtain has fallen and we turn a new page.

We wish you all the very best.

Yours truly,
Management and staff of
Chez Mathilde

Oranjestad, 19 september, 2010

Zeer gewaardeerde vrienden van Matilde,
Hoog geachte klanten van Chez Mathilde,

Langs deze weg wensen wij u van harte te bedanken voor uw vele jaren van vriendschap en loyale klandiezie.

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Wij wensen u allen het aller beste toe.

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Direktie en medewerkers,
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It is a sad day for us, but we look back with a lot of pride and satisfaction for the role Chez Matilde has played in setting the highest standards of service, cuisine and Aruban hospitality on our island, for which she has received numerous awards and international prizes and recognitions.

For these accomplishments we wish to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, our dedicated and loyal staff and management, for a job well



done. We also want to thank you, dear friends of Chez Matilde, for accompanying us throughout this unforgettable journey filled with a lifetime of memories full of

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Art Auction for Alzheimer's tonight: "The Rainbow of Dementia"

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Dr. Jose Luna, Melva Croes-Yanez and Dr. Raul Mena

The exposition will end this evening when the bidding begins at 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 and there is a complimentary wine and cheese party for those attending. Do not miss an opportunity to stop by the Tara Suites in the Bucuti Resort to view the works.

F.A.A. expressed their deep gratitude to the sponsors who made the event possible; Romar Trading, Caribbean

Food Service and Chef Alejandro Fuenmayor, who provided an extraordinary repast for the opening event. F.A.A. also thanks De Veer & Sons, TEC N.V., Fuji Image for producing stunning prints of Dr. Mena's work, The Frameshop, which matted them, and in particular, Ewald Beimans, Managing Director of the Bucuti Resort and Deborah Dintelman, Resort Manager for their



Glass sculpture by Mariano Abath

steadfast support of this project.

Dr. Mena will be delivering a free lecture about his work and what it can signify for other researchers who are seeking the cause and cure for AD at the Occidental Grand Resort tomorrow evening beginning at 7:30 p.m.



Above, paperweights by Mariano Abath, below art by Mo Mohammad



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Sci-Tech

UAE remains set to ban BlackBerry services: report

DUBAI (AFP) – The United Arab Emirates will enact a ban on BlackBerry smartphone services unless progress is made in negotiations with its manufacturer, a local paper on Tuesday cited an official as saying.

"So far, no progress has been made" in the negotiations on allowing the UAE to access encrypted BlackBerry data, the Dubai daily Emarat Al-Yom cited a UAE Telecommunications Regulatory Authority official as saying.

Unless that changes, on October 11 the UAE will go ahead with a suspension of BlackBerry services announced in August, the official added.

"The suspension will remain unchanged until we reach a solution that is fully compliant with legislation on telecommunications in the country," the official was quoted as saying.

The UAE announced in early August that BlackBerry services including messenger, web browsing and email would be suspended from October because they "allow individuals to commit violations" that the country cannot monitor.

BlackBerry's encrypted emails and data are stored on servers in Canada, which means that third parties such as security agencies cannot monitor communications sent and received on the handset.

Saudi Arabia announced a BlackBerry services ban soon after the UAE, but lifted it after the kingdom's regulator reported progress in finding a solution for its concerns.

The UAE's two main telecom companies, Etisalat and Du, in August announced options in the event of a ban for BlackBerry users who subscribed before the first of that month, including signing a new one-year contract and receiving a new, non-BlackBerry smartphone.

There are an estimated 500,000 BlackBerry users in the oil-rich UAE, which has a population of around six million people.

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German scientists discover rare ape species in Asia



Primate Centre (DPZ) said.

"The discovery of a new species of ape is a minor sensation," said Christian Roos from the DPZ.

"An analysis of the frequency and tempo of their calls, along with genetic research, show that this is, in fact, a new species."

The distinctive song "serves to defend territory or might even be a precursor of the music humans make," the statement added.

The male of the new species is covered with black fur that appears silver in sunlight. His chest is brownish and his cheeks deep orange-golden in colour. The females are orange-beige in colour.

Crested gibbons are found only in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and southern China. Scientists had assumed there were six different species but the recent discovery takes the number to seven.

Gibbons have become endangered due to illegal hunting. "Gibbons are kept as cute pets, or they are eaten, or they are processed into traditional medicines," said the DPZ.

Like orangutans, gorillas, chimpanzees and bonobos, gibbons belong to the apes, man's closest relative.

BERLIN (AFP) – German scientists said on Tuesday they had discovered a new rare and endangered ape species in the tropical rainforests between Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia by its distinctive song.

The new type of crested gibbon, one of the most endangered primate species in the world, is called the northern buffed-cheeked gibbon or *Nomascus annamensis*, a statement from the German

Adobe releases Photoshop Elements 9

Adobe on Monday announced the latest version of Photoshop Elements 9, the company's consumer-level photo editing application, for both Mac and Windows. There are a number of features in this version that are new to Mac users, most notably the bundled Elements Organizer, which acts as a hub for importing, managing, and viewing photo and video files.

In an exciting addition for all platforms, Photoshop Elements 9 takes the power of one of Photoshop CS5's most popular features, Content Aware Fill, and puts it into the Spot Healing Brush. This powerful new tool can be used to remove specific objects from an image by an-

alyzing the surrounding information. Also new to this version are Layer Masks, which can be used to block out specific parts of images with varying transparency levels.

Users new to photo editing can use the program's guided edits to learn how to make basic or fun edits to their images, including imitating the toy camera look, with easy to follow step-by-step instructions. Photographers can then share their creations by posting them directly to sites like Facebook and Flickr from the organizer, or by using any of the templates included in Elements 9 to create scrapbooks, photo-books, online albums, or slideshows.

Visit the Aruba Aloe Museum & Factory



When you pass by the Aruba Aloe fields and its modern factory at Hato, it's hard to imagine that the same fields were already in use 160 years ago.

Where nowadays a modern factory shines and produces a large collection of Aloe products that are being exported all over the world, in 1890 farmers carefully planted the first Aloe Vera plants. Until today Aruba Aloe Balm NV has continued to cultivate the wonder plant and the dedicated field workers are working hard every day to keep the plants in excellent condition.

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This month, Aruba Aloe Balm NV introduces a special Reduced Fee of USD \$3,- for the Aruba Aloe Museum and Factory tour, which gives you an inside look into the production process of the Aruba Aloe products and you will learn all about the 160-year old history of Aloe on Aruba. All visitors who pay the entrance fee, will receive a coupon* of USD \$3,- which they can use towards a purchase of any of the Aruba Aloe products in the Aruba Aloe store at the factory.

A good reason to visit the Aruba Aloe Museum and Factory this week and bring home one of the few products that are truly made on Aruba.

Tours are suitable for all ages and can be given in English, Spanish, Dutch and Papiamentu.

Tour hours are from **Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon.**

The tour duration is about 25 minutes.

Aruba Aloe Balm N.V. is located near hotel area at Pitastraat 115, Hato (opposite the EPB school at Hato). For more information call 588-3222

* The coupon has no cash value and can only be used for the purchase of Aruba Aloe products on the day of the tour and only at the store located at the factory in Hato.

Worm in Iowa man's eye killed by laser blasts

CHICAGO (AFP) – It took two laser blasts for doctors to kill a worm which made a nest for itself in an Iowa man's eye, local media reported Monday.

John Matthews first noticed two spots obscuring the vision in his left eye in December and underwent a series of tests before doctors made the gruesome discovery.

He was rushed into a treatment room at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics where doctors shot a laser into his eye to kill the worm.

"I could see it from behind, moving, trying to dodge the laser," Matthews told the Dubuque, Iowa Telegraph Herald newspaper.

The worm was killed by the second laser blast but doctors couldn't remove it from his eye.

Matthews' body is absorbing the worm's remains and doctors said he has suffered permanent retina damage.

"It could have been hookworm I might have picked up when we were in Mexico or it could have been raccoon roundworm that I could have gotten turkey hunting," he told the paper.

An avid fan of Animal Planet, Matthews called the cable station and told them of his story. A film crew came to Iowa and the segment about the invasive eye worm will air on the show "Shape Shifters."

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Plavix, heartburn drug safe to take together: Study

A new study finds it's safe to take the blood thinner Plavix with proton-pump inhibitors like Nexium, contrary to recent research that said the combination compromised Plavix's effectiveness.

"We looked into this highly debated area of clopidogrel [Plavix] and proton-pump inhibitors," said lead researcher Dr. Mette Charlott from the department of cardiology at Copenhagen University Hospital Gentofte in Hellerup, Denmark. "We did not find any evidence of drug interaction."

Proton-pump inhibitors are heartburn drugs. Doctors often prescribe the two drugs in combination to prevent clotting and reduce the risk of stomach bleeding, which can be a serious complication for patients taking Plavix, the researchers said.

This study is larger than studies that found an interac-

tion between the drugs, and this data included patients who were taking PPIs but not Plavix, Charlott noted.

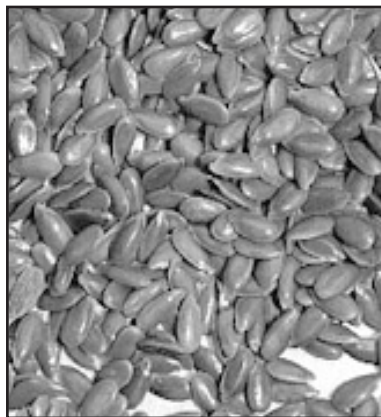
"What we actually found was an increased risk related to the use of proton-pump inhibitors, but we found the risk was the same in patients treated with clopidogrel and patients not treated with clopidogrel," Charlott said.

The researchers concluded that the increased risk of a heart attack, stroke or death is associated with PPIs, and not the combination of Plavix and a PPI.

"We are confident that the feared interaction between the two drugs does not happen," Charlott said. "We believe that patients who have an indication for PPI treatment should definitely be treated with PPIs to avoid the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding," she added.

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Hillary Clinton cooks up plan for clean stoves

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced a plan yesterday to install 100 million clean-burning stoves in kitchens around the world, helping to save women from ill health.

In a speech to an annual forum run by her husband, former president Bill Clinton, in New York, the US foreign policy chief said that three billion people around the world were gathering around open fires and inefficient, poorly ventilated stoves.

"The food they prepare is different on every continent, but the air they breathe is shockingly similar: a toxic mix of chemicals released by burning wood or other solid fuel," Clinton said.

"As the women cook, smoke fills their lungs, and

the toxins begin poisoning them and their children."

She told the Clinton Global Initiative forum that the public-private clean stoves plan, dubbed "Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves," would seek to install the new, 25-dollar units by 2020.

The World Health Organization considers dirty cooking smoke to be one of the five biggest dangers to health in developing countries, killing nearly two million people a year -- twice the number dying from malaria.

"The results of daily exposure can be devastating: pneumonia -- the number one killer of children worldwide -- chronic respiratory diseases, lung cancer and a range of other health problems," Clinton said

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Michael Jackson virtual world taking shape

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) - A virtual planet devoted to Michael Jackson is being created online as a world where fans can go to celebrate the life of the late "King of Pop."

California-based SEE Virtual Worlds yesterday announced that it had a deal with Jackson's estate to make "Planet Michael," an Internet world based on the artist's music, life, and interests.

"Michael was always exploring creative new ways technology could enhance the experiences of his fans," Jackson estate co-executor John McClain said in a release.

"We are thrilled to be working with SEE Virtual Worlds to build a global interactive experience that befits an artist as innovative as



Michael Jackson."

The virtual planet, to be finished by late next year, will let people use animated characters to socialize, explore

and play games in a world with continents devoted to themes from Jackson's life, according to SEE.

"It is fitting that in Planet Michael his fans will be able to join together in such a unique way online to celebrate his music, his artistry and his devotion to helping those in need," said estate co-executor John Branca.

Planet Michael will be a free software download without subscription fees but will feature an in-world economy with opportunities to spend money or donate to charities, according to SEE.

SEE launched a planet-michael.com website to provide information and updates about the project.

Michael Jackson was 50 years old when he died of cardiac arrest on July 25, 2009.

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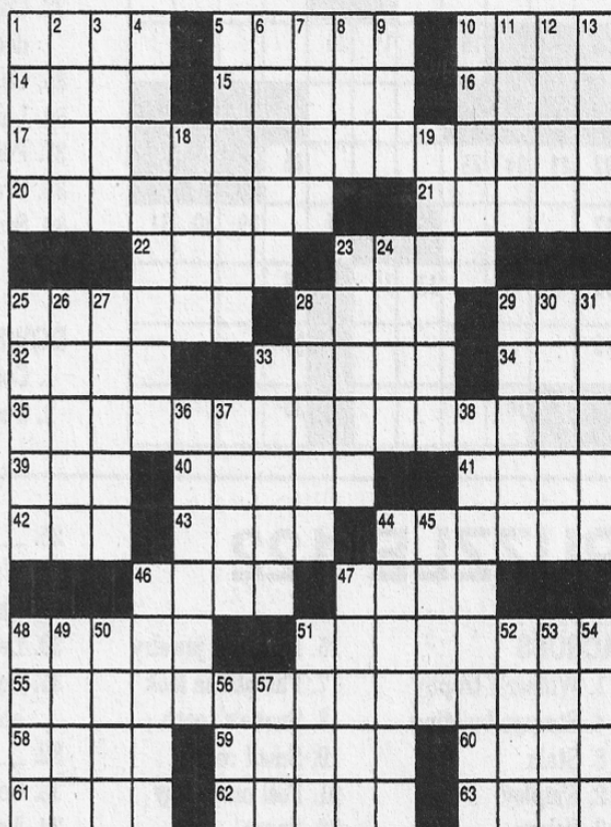
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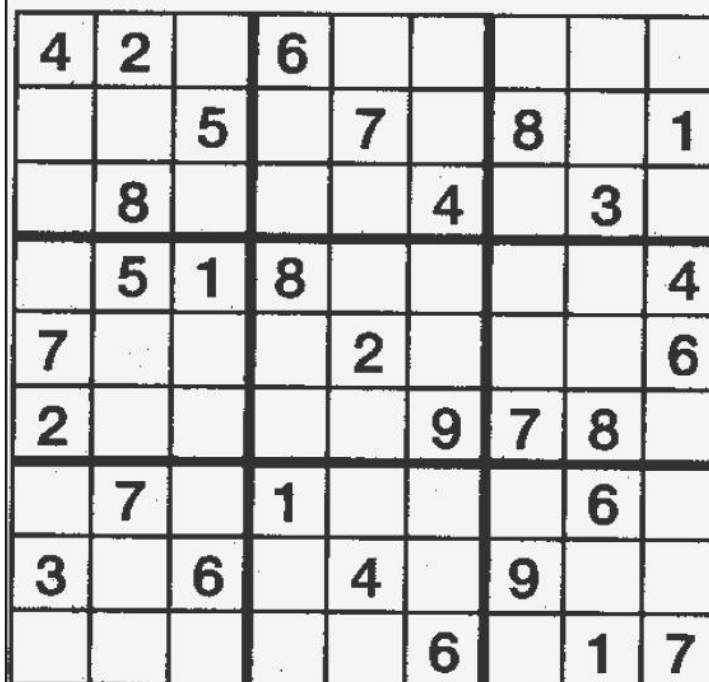
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US Fed 'prepared' to act if recovery stalls

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Federal Reserve avoided pulling the trigger on fresh stimulus spending Tuesday, but said it was prepared to act if the economic recovery slows further.

"The pace of recovery in output and employment has slowed in recent months," the central bank said in a statement while warning the pace of growth would be "modest in the near term."

The bank left interest rates at record lows as part of a continued effort to shore up the recovery, but shied away from a new -- and controversial -- round of spending.

But Fed said it stood ready to act if needed.

"The Committee will continue to monitor the economic outlook and financial developments and is prepared to provide additional accommodation if needed to support the

economic recovery."

Members of the Fed's policy-making panel gathered for the last time before November's mid-term elections, with the economic outlook transformed since their last meeting from apocalyptic to vaguely promising.

Since the Federal Open Market Committee's August meeting, a panel of top economists has declared that the United States exited the recession in June 2009 and a slew of data has pointed to a moderately better outlook.

But Fed members again appeared to have tussled over when crisis measures may be needed and what good they would do.

Kansas Fed Representative Thomas Hoenig voted against the policies, arguing that ultra-low interest rates would create imbalances over time.

Celebrity Twitter auction raises money for Haiti

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) - A first-ever Celebrity Twitter Auction raising money for special needs children in Haiti lets winning bidders become buddies with stars at the hot microblogging service.

The auction taking place online at ebay.com/twitchchange offers chances for people, or companies seeking promotion,

to have stars follow them on Twitter, "retweet" their messages at the service, and mention them to followers.

"A tweet is kind of a modern day autograph but you get more perks," read a message at the TwitChange website yesterday.

Actress Eva Longoria of the US television series "Desperate Housewives" teamed with twitchchange.com and aHomeInHaiti.org to coax celebrities into donating access to their Twitter worlds in the name of charity.

The auction ends on September 25 and proceeds will be used to finish rebuilding a center in Haiti for children with autism, cerebral palsy, or other challenges.

Bids ranged into the low hundreds of dollars, with bargains below 100 dollars scarce yesterday.

Dutch government announces budget cuts

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The Netherlands announced measures yesterday to cut government spending by 3.6 billion euros (4.7 billion dollars) in 2011 to halt rising public debt and aid long-term economic recovery.

"It is time to draw the purse strings and take the first steps to get the budget back in order," caretaker Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager said as he presented the government budget for 2011 to parliament.

"Savings are unavoidable," the minister said, for the Netherlands to keep enjoying the trust of capital markets.

Savings would be found in wage "moderation," lower pay rises for civil servants, higher tobacco taxes, reduced medical benefits and less spending on immigrants, budget documents showed.

"It the cuts will hurt citizens and companies, certainly people already feeling the pinch of the crisis: people who lose their jobs and businesses ..." said De Jager.

Statistics in the budget foresee government debt growing to a record 66.2 percent of

gross domestic product (GDP) or 406 billion euros in 2011 from 45.3 percent in 2007.

The rising debt was partly the result of government bailouts of banks in the global financial crisis of 2008.

The public deficit, projected at 3.9 percent of GDP or 24.3 billion euros in 2011, would exceed the European Union limit of three percent -- though lower than the 2010 figure of 5.8 percent.

Economic growth is expected to settle at 1.5 percent of GDP in 2011, lower than the 1.75 percent projected for 2010 after a near four percent decline in 2009.

This was the last budget presented by the government led by Jan Peter Balkenende's Christian Democratic Appeal, which lost power in June elections following the collapse of the cabinet in a dispute over military aid to Afghanistan.

The pro-business, centre-right VVD party that won the poll had campaigned to slash government spending by 20 billion euros.

Negotiations are still underway for a new coalition gov-

ernment that is likely to announce much stricter cuts than those envisaged in Tuesday's budget.

"For a long time to come, world-wide, the effects of the financial-economic crisis will be felt," Dutch Queen Beatrix said in her address from the throne, written by the government.

De Jager warned that Dutch citizens would feel the savings measures "in their pockets."

"The spending power of the average Dutch citizen will deteriorate," he said, adding that "the future remains uncertain."

There were some promising signs, however, with exports rising above 2008 levels for the first time in July, and the number of unemployed expected to remain stable at 450,000 people (5.5 percent) in 2010 and 2011.

"That (the unemployment figure) is less than five years ago and less than in the rest of Europe," said De Jager.

"This is good news: news that gives us new reason to hope for a prosperous future."

Euro firms on successful bond issues

LONDON, England (AFP) - The euro firmed against the dollar yesterday on news of successful bond issues in three vulnerable eurozone countries.

The single European currency in late-day trade was at 1.3134 dollars against 1.3060 late Monday in New York.

The dollar was meanwhile trading at 85.37 yen, down from 85.71 on Monday.

Euro sentiment was boosted by reports that Ireland, Greece and Spain had little trouble raising money on the bond market, dampening concern that the eurozone might be slipping into a new era of financial danger.

Ireland revealed that it had raised 1.5 billion euros (1.96 billion dollars) as planned, in an oversubscribed bond auction that was seen as a vote of investor confidence in the troubled Irish economy.

At the same time, Greece said it raised 390 million euros or more than planned, while Spain raised a huge 7.04 billion euros ahead of a separate bond sale in neighbouring Portugal today.

Investors remain uneasy over the eurozone debt and deficit crisis, which is centred on the perilous state of public finances in Portugal, Ireland,

Italy, Greece and Spain -- widely known as the PIIGS nations.

"The Greek and Irish debt sales in particular will have eased simmering tensions in the eurozone debt markets and pushed back risk of default further," said currency analyst Jane Foley at Rabobank.

The yield -- or interest rate -- on 10-year Greek and Irish bonds eased sharply later in the day. The rate on the Greek 10-year sovereign fell back to 11.170 percent from 11.546 on Monday while that on the Irish 10-year bond dropped to 6.148 percent from 6.337 percent on Monday.

Bond yields and prices move in opposite directions.

But at forex trading firm GFT, analyst David Morrison cautioned that at the earlier auction Ireland still had to pay a "significantly" higher yield than at a previous sale.

In addition, the eurozone sovereign bond market could be seen as somewhat distorted because the European Central Bank, in major policy switch in response to the Greek crisis, agreed to stand by as a buyer of last resort of government debt bonds held by institutions needing cash.

It has also extended special

arrangements for making money available to banks in difficulty.

"Traders are speculating about the role of the ECB in these potentially problematic auctions," Morrison said.

The British pound edged higher against the dollar as investors digested official data showing that government borrowing widened unexpectedly in August to hit a record high for the month.

The public sector net borrowing requirement jumped to 15.3 billion pounds (18.1 billion euros, 23.8 billion dollars) compared with 13.5 billion pounds in August 2009.

In London yesterday, the euro changed hands at 1.3134 dollars against 1.3060 dollars late in New York on Monday, 112.13 yen (111.96), 0.8443 pounds (0.8401) and 1.3182 Swiss francs (1.3121).

The dollar stood at 85.37 yen (85.71) and 1.0036 Swiss francs (1.0046).

The pound was at 1.5555 dollars (1.5547).

On the London Bullion Market, the price of gold fell to 1,275 dollars an ounce at the fixing from 1,279.25 dollars an ounce late on Monday, when it had struck a record high at 1,283.80.

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Grandma's stoba w/rice and beans and potato salad

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa was in the mood to prepare.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."



Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and specta-

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to pro-



vide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

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No wine cellar? Sotheby's opens retail wine shop

NEW YORK CITY – Always wanted a wine cellar, but never had the room? Sotheby's auction house has a solution. It opened a retail wine shop.

The store on the first floor of its New York building has what Sotheby's head of wines in the Americas and Asia Jamie Ritchie described as "a rather broad selection of wines" at prices ranging from \$13.95 to \$40,000 a bottle.

"Our selection includes the best producers," Ritchie said, "but also our favorite wines that may be less well known."

So not far from the bottle of Lafite Rothschild (1996) for

\$1,350, a customer can find a bottle of Chateau Franc Couplet (2005) for \$13.95.

Sotheby's, which is holding wine auctions this week in London and New York and four more in Hong Kong next month, is also offering the wines online and will ship them around the world and deliver to New Yorkers.

The store's opening on Monday comes almost a week after the U.S. Commerce Department reported that sales at retailers increased more than expected in August, notching their largest gain in five months.

Red Cross warns one billion living in slums

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) – The Red Cross warned yesterday that one billion people were living in dangerous conditions in slums and informal settlements, which was the root cause for urban disasters.

"The root cause of why so many people are affected by urban disasters is because a billion people live in poor quality homes on dangerous sites with no hazard-reducing infrastructure and no services," said the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in its annual World Disaster Report.

The report said those most exposed are low-income countries, where just one percent of households and companies are insured against catastrophes.

Even in middle-income nations, the proportion of households and companies with disaster insurance reached just three percent, compared with 30 percent in high-income states, it said.

In addition, these populations often do not benefit from infrastructure that helps to reduce the impact of urban disasters, such as buildings fortified against earthquakes or drainage systems that allow rain water to flow off and lower the risk of floods.

"A very large deficit exists in the infrastructure and services that reduce disaster risk for much of the population in Latin America, Africa and Asia," said Bekele Geleta, IFRC secretary general.

"We must bridge this urban risk divide or it will be further



A Filipino child scavenges for scrap materials at a slum in Manila, the Philippines



An old man and his wife walk down wooden stairs in a slum in Bangkok, Thailand

exposed in a very cruel way by climate change in the coming years," he added.

One of the key effects of climate change is heightened flood risk.

Of the 20 cities with the highest exposed population in 2005, 65 percent of the 38.5 million exposed live in Asian

cities.

But by the decade of 2070, 14 out of the 20 cities with the highest population exposed would be in Asia, the report noted. These would include China's cities of Qingdao and Ningbo, Bangladesh's Dhaka, Chittagong and Kulna and Pakistan's Karachi.

Boeing plans to send passengers into space

ATLANTA, Georgia – Boeing Co plans to offer passengers the chance to fly into space on a craft it is developing for travel in low-Earth orbit, the aerospace company said today.

Boeing said it reached an agreement with Virginia-based Space Adventures to market passenger seats on commercial flights aboard Boeing's CST-100 space vehicle being developed for NASA.

The spacecraft could carry seven people and fly in low-Earth orbit as soon as 2015, Boeing said. The company added that potential customers could include private individuals, companies, nongovernmental organizations and U.S. federal agencies.

Space Adventures said it had arranged for seven space-flight participants to fly on



eight missions to the International Space Station being built in space by the United States and Russia.

The companies said during a conference call that pricing for the planned space flights had not been set but were expected to be competitive.

Guy Laliberte, founder of Canada's Cirque du Soleil, paid more than \$35 million (£22.4 million) to travel into space last year on a Russian

spaceship from Kazakhstan.

The U.S. space shuttle program, which carries astronauts and supplies to the International Space Station, is being shut down next year. President Barack Obama's administration has launched an initiative to replace NASA-owned and operated launch services with commercial space taxis.

Until a replacement vehicle is ready, the United States will be solely dependent on Russia to fly crews to the International Space Station, a \$100 billion project involving 16 nations, which has been under construction 220 miles (352 km) above Earth since 1998.

Russia currently charges NASA about \$51 million per seat for a ride on its Soyuz spacecraft. The price goes up to \$56 million in 2013.

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Delhi event in crisis as bridge collapses

NEW DELHI (AFP) - The Delhi Commonwealth Games were plunged into crisis Tuesday 12 days from the start after the athletes' village was described as "uninhabitable" and a footbridge collapsed at the main stadium.

Adding to the sense of chaos that has enveloped an event India hoped would project its new economic power on the international stage, a leading Australian athlete pulled out of the competition because of security fears.

Organisers scrambled to contain the damage, fearful that a pullout by a major team could wreck the October 3-14 multisport showcase that has long been dogged by delays, corruption allegations and anxiety about safety.

Mike Hooper, chief executive of the Commonwealth Games Federation, led stinging criticism about the athletes' residential towers, which will embarrass the government that has admitted the country's prestige is on the line.

"They're filthy. You can't occupy them. They need a deep clean. There's builders' dust and rubble in doorways, shower doors the wrong way round, toilets that don't work," he said just two days before athletes begin arriving.

There was also "excrement in places it shouldn't be", he said -- referring to problems thought to be the result of thousands of labourers using the toilets in the "certainly uninhabitable" residential complex.

Complaints about cleanliness, plumbing and electrics were also made by other countries that have sent advance parties to the Indian capital, including Scotland which described the village as "unsafe and unfit for human habitation".

"The reality is that if the village is not ready and athletes can't come, the implications are that it's not going to happen," New Zealand chef de mission Dave Currie told

New Zealand commercial radio.

In a further blow to an already-weakened athletics field, defending champions Christine Ohuruogu (400m), also the Olympic champion, and Lisa Dobriskey (1500m) also both withdrew from England's team for injury reasons.

And triple-jump titleholder and world champion Phillips Idowu was considering his participation because of security and safety reasons.

"My advice to him was to wait until the hype dies down, we still have a couple of weeks to go," Idowu's agent Ricky Simms said.

Other star athletes such as Jamaican sprinters Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell have already decided not to attend.

The president of the Com-

monwealth Games Federation, Michael Fennell, opened the criticism Tuesday with a damning statement that said several nations had been "shocked" by the "seriously compromised" games village.

The Indian organising committee attempted to reassure athletes.

Lalit Bhanot, organising committee secretary-general and official spokesman for the games, said the village was "probably one of the best ever".

"The athletes will arrive here from the evening of September 23 and we are doing our best to clean the entire village well in time," he said.

"Everyone has different standards about cleanliness. The westerners have different standards, we have different standards."

Victorious Kumble looks forward to semi-final

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Anil Kumble was always confident that his Royal Challengers Bangalore team would reach the semi-finals of the Champions League Twenty20 tournament.

Now that they are in the last four he is looking forward to the next challenge, which will come in Durban on Friday night.

Bangalore, runners-up in Group B, could meet either South Africa's Warriors or fellow Indian Premier League team Chennai Super Kings, who meet in a Group

A decider in Port Elizabeth on Wednesday.

"I'm very happy that we reached the semi-finals," said Kumble. "It's nice to go back to Durban."

Who would he prefer to play against?

"It doesn't matter, it'll be nice to meet anyone... but I hope Chennai gets there."

If Chennai do finish ahead of the Warriors, it would mean two IPL sides playing against each for a place in the final, which would be two more IPL teams than reached the same stage in the first

Klinsmann reveals he turned down US coach role

BERLIN (AFP) - Former Germany star Jurgen Klinsmann revealed on Tuesday that he turned down the chance to coach the United States after the World Cup having failed to agree terms with the US Soccer Federation.

The 46-year-old led Germany to third at the 2006 World Cup and had been in discussions to take charge of

the US team after July's tournament.

After negotiations broke down, US coach Bob Bradley, who led the team to the Round of 16 in South Africa, has had his contract extended.

"We negotiated for three to four weeks, but we are were not able to transform the verbal agreement that we had found into a contractual one," Klinsmann was reported to have told German media Tuesday.

Klinsmann revealed the negotiations broke down because of the position's responsibilities.

Having been fired by Bayern Munich in April 2009 after just nine months in charge, Klinsmann has returned to California with his

Bento named as Portugal coach



LISBON (AFP) - Paulo Bento was on Tuesday named coach of Portugal until the end of Euro 2012, the Portuguese Football Federation announced.

"Paulo Bento and his tech-

nical team will sign a contract until July 2012," the federation said.

Bento, 41, a former defensive midfielder who won 35 caps for Portugal, will succeed Carlos Queiroz, who was sacked earlier this month after some disciplinary run-ins with the federation and a string of poor results.

Bento's appointment came after Real Madrid refused to release Jose Mourinho to take up the role temporarily.

Portugal have made a poor start to their Euro 2012 qualifying campaign, drawing 4-4 with Cyprus and losing 1-0 to Norway to leave them in fourth place in Group H.

They face Denmark and Iceland in October.

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Hartley the hero as Saints down 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — Garrett Hartley has kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired to give Super Bowl champions New Orleans a 25-22 NFL victory over San Francisco.

Saints quarterback Drew Brees set up the winning play with a 30-yard pass to Marques Colston, putting New Orleans in position to spoil San Francisco's home opener.

But the victory didn't come without a price as Saints running back Reggie Bush suffered a broken leg and likely will be sidelined about six weeks but not the rest of the season, a person familiar with the injury said.

Bush was hurt after recovering his botched punt with 6:58 to play.

He was treated by trainers and then tried to walk off the field apparently favoring his right leg.

He fell and was treated again before being helped off the field. Bush had caught a six-yard scoring pass earlier in the contest.

San Francisco's Frank Gore ran for a seven-yard touchdown with 1:19 remaining and Vernon Davis made a catch at the goal line for the tying two-point conversion.

The Saints, who relied on their defense most of the game, got the ball back at the 30 yard line with 1:14 remaining.

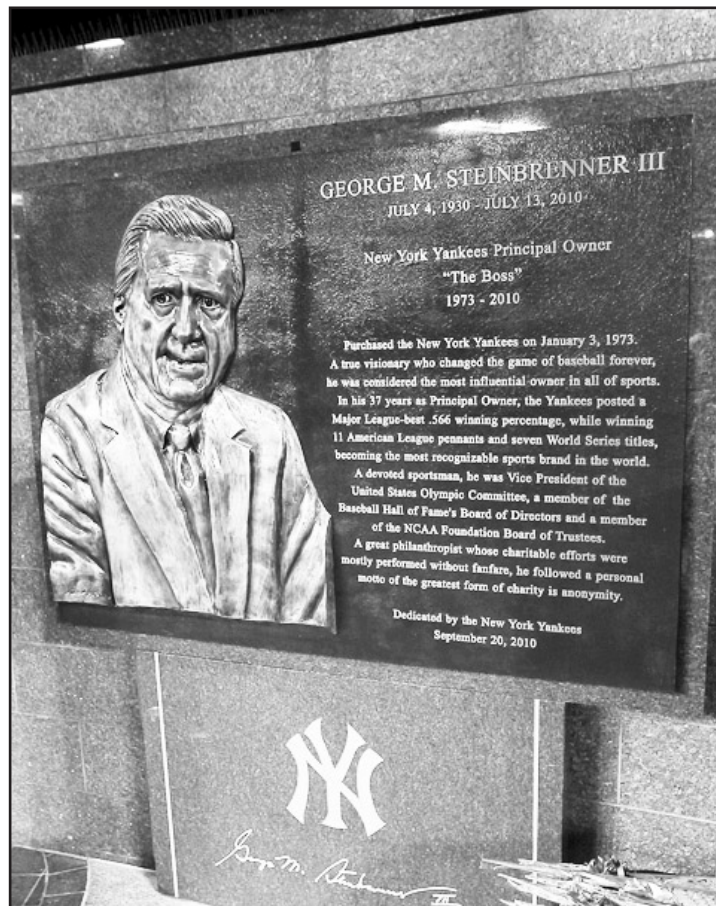
Brees hit Colston with a pass that put the Saints on the 18 with 18 seconds left, paving the way for Hartley's field goal.

"We've stayed with the mindset we are the hunter, not the hunted," said Brees, whose Saints opened the season with a home victory over the Minnesota Vikings last week.



UNIONDALE, NY - Josh Bailey #12 skates against Frans Nielsen #51 and John Tavares #91 of the New York Islanders get tangled up during a training camp session on September 21, 2010 at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale.

Yankees unveil Steinbrenner baseball tribute



NEW YORK (AFP) — George Steinbrenner, the legendary Yankees owner who died in July, has been memorialized alongside other Yankees greats as the team unveiled his tribute in their Monument Park.

Indeed, Steinbrenner's monument is now the largest in the area behind the Yankee Stadium center field fence - a testament to the outsized personality with which ruled the Yankees for 37 years.

Former manager Joe Torre came to Steinbrenner's 1.6 billion-dollar new Yankee Stadium for the first time, as did former captain Don Mattingly.

Torre was cheered when he was shown on the giant

video screen. Mattingly, who is to take over from Torre next season as the manager of the Dodgers, also received a warm welcome.

"George is responsible for really the best years of my life professionally," said Torre, who managed the Yankees to four of the seven World Series titles they won under Steinbrenner.

"Did we get along all the time? No. But it never lasted very long that we, you know, disagreed."

Steinbrenner's daughters and his widow, Joan, unveiled the monument, accompanied by baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

"Do I think George should be in the Hall of Fame? Of

course I do," Selig said. "He changed the sport in a lot of ways."

Steinbrenner died on July 13 at the age 80. He had been in declining health for several years. The team's tribute came before the Yankees played division rivals Tampa Bay.

The whole Yankees team, led by Alex Rodriguez and manager Joe Girardi, walked from the dugout and up steps in center field, with Torre and Mattingly among those following in street clothing.

Hall of Famers Yogi Berra and Reggie Jackson and Steinbrenner's two sons were also in attendance.


"A true visionary who changed the game of baseball forever," the monument to "The Boss" reads. "He was considered the most influential owner in all of sports. In 37 years as principal owner, the Yankees posted a major league-best .566 winning percentage, while winning 11 American League pennants and seven World Series titles, becoming the most recognizable sports brand in the world."

The monument also notes Steinbrenner's work for the US Olympic Committee and his penchant for philanthropic efforts made without fanfare.


Steinbrenner's monument is in centerfield, near those honoring manager Miller Huggins (unveiled in 1932), Lou Gehrig (1941), Babe Ruth (1949), Mickey Mantle (1996) and Joe DiMaggio (1999).

A monument to the victims and rescue workers of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, is on the left-field side of the area.

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US court reinstates insider trading case against Mark Cuban

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban suffered a setback on Tuesday as a court rejected the dismissal of an insider trading case filed against him by the Securities and Exchange

Commission (SEC).

The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that a lower court in Texas had erroneously thrown out the lawsuit against the billionaire NBA owner and technology tycoon and ordered it reinstated.

The US District Court in Dallas dismissed the case on July 17, a move which was challenged by the SEC.

Cuban is alleged to have sold 600,000 shares of stock from Canadian search engine company Mamma.com Inc. in 2004 after receiving confidential information about a private offering.

The SEC alleged in its civil suit that Cuban, a large minority stakeholder in Mamma.com, avoided a loss of 750,000 dollars by selling his stake in the company.

Cuban has denied the charges.

Broncos' receiver Kenny McKinley dies

DENVER, Colorado (AFP) - Denver Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley has been found dead in his home, apparently from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, authorities have said.

Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson said authorities were called to McKinley's home by a woman friend of the player who found his body after returning from an errand with his child.

He didn't say if investigators found a suicide note.

"It's still part of our investigation and probably nothing we'll talk about right now," he said.

The Broncos have endured a series of tragedies in recent years.

Cornerback Darrent



Williams was killed in a drive-by shooting on New Year's Day 2007 and three months later backup running back Damien Nash collapsed and died after a charity basketball game in St. Louis, Missouri.

"Everyone with the Bron-

cos is shocked and saddened by the loss of Kenny McKinley," Pat Bowlen, owner of the NFL team, said in a statement. "He was part of the Broncos' family and will be greatly missed by our organization. My most heartfelt condolences go out to Kenny's family and friends."

The Broncos coach Josh McDaniels: "Kenny had a promising future on the football field, but more importantly, he was a great teammate whose smile and personality could light up the room," McDaniels said in a statement. "This is a tragic loss for our football team, and his family is in all of our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time."

McKinley, 23, was in his second year in the NFL, but

was on the team's injured reserve list with a knee injury suffered in the first week of training camp.

He played in eight games as a rookie in 2009 with seven kick returns for 158 yards.

News of McKinley's death came as several Broncos players were attending a fundraiser on Monday in honor of Williams, benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver and its Darrent Williams Memorial Teen Center.

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